

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 504

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rocky Mound Logging  
upon being named the 2006 Logger of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hammock, Toby Hammock, and Scott Hammock, are three such noteworthy people who own Rocky Mound Logging of Allons, which was named 2006 Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association; Rocky Mound Logging was nominated by the Tri-County Forestry Association, which represents Clay, Overton, and Pickett Counties; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Mound conducts all types of timber harvests, from selective cuts to clear cuts in both softwood and hardwood stands, from a wide variety of terrain, including level hilltops, overgrown fields, and steep hillsides; the loggers use bulldozers to create landings and roads, before any actual timber harvesting occurs; and

WHEREAS, the conscientious five-man working crew, comprised of the Hammocks as well as Waylon Ledbetter and James Morgan, implements written management plans closely, always adhering to the State of Tennessee's BMPs guidelines; they also promote reforestation of harvested areas and provide visual buffer strips along roadways; and

WHEREAS, they travel to North Carolina and Virginia to purchase their technologically-advanced equipment, which they service regularly, and they place signs along roadways to warn motorists when timber harvesting operations are in effect; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hammock, the patriarch of Rocky Mound Logging, first began logging in the 1960s, with horses and mules; sons, Scott and Toby, joined the family business in the 1980s, around the time the logging company added logging skidders, a tandem truck, and a backhoe to its operations; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1990s, Rocky Mound became further modernized with the addition of a feller buncher, bulldozers, newer logging skidders, a dump truck, a service truck, log trucks and trailers, and tractors; the family also built a 6,200 square-foot workshop, where they do all the maintenance and repairs on their equipment; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Mound's commitment to safe logging and its use of modern equipment with the latest safety features have resulted in an outstanding zero accidents in the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, the estimable crew of Rocky Mound Logging, who will be nominated by the TFA for Regional Logger of the Year, are all Master Loggers who are dedicated members of TFA and the Tri-County Forestry Association; they also contribute to local charities; and

WHEREAS, the fine gentlemen of Rocky Mound Logging epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Rocky Mound Loggers for their dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Rocky Mound Logging upon being named 2006 Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association as we salute the loggers' meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.